

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 100

Office of Attorney General

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2015-17 Expenditure Authority	1,119.7	23,148	242,807	265,955
Supplemental Changes				
Legal Services to MQAC	1.1		313	313
U.S. DOL v. DSHS Litigation	1.2		688	688
Antitrust Enforcement Enhancement	8.0		3,456	3,456
Public Counsel Expert Witnesses			639	639
Legal Services to Department of Licensing			100	100
Technical Correction - Child Rescue				
Technical Correction - Compensation		62	589	651
Workers' Compensation Changes		8	80	88
Audit Services			4	4
Administrative Hearings		(5)	(50)	(55)
CTS Central Services		4	43	47
DES Central Services		(1)	(2)	(3)
Time, Leave and Attendance System		4	44	48
Self-Insurance Liability Premium			(3)	(3)
Subtotal - Supplemental Changes	10.3	72	5,901	5,973
Total Proposed Budget	1,130.0	23,220	248,708	271,928
Difference	10.3	72	5,901	5,973
Percent Change	0.9%	0.3%	2.4%	2.2%

SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES

Legal Services to MQAC

The Office of the Attorney General (AGO) will provide increased legal support to the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) within the Department of Health (DOH). This funding will allow the AGO to more aggressively and expeditiously defend cases in which the MQAC suspended doctors due to allegations of putting patients at risk of harm. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

U.S. DOL v. DSHS Litigation

The AGO will continue to litigate on behalf of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) in the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) v. Washington State DSHS case. This item provides funding for the fiscal year 2017 litigation costs. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

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Antitrust Enforcement Enhancement

The AGO will increase efforts to enforce fair competition laws in Washington by investigating antitrust allegations and enforcing antitrust laws. (Anti-Trust Revolving Account-Nonappropriated)

Public Counsel Expert Witnesses

The AGO represents residential and small business utility customers before the Utilities and Transportation Commission and other forums. Additional funding is provided for the AGO to hire more expert witnesses for major cases expected to occur during the 2015-17 biennium. (Public Service Revolving Account-State)

Legal Services to Department of Licensing

The AGO is authorized to provide additional legal services to the Department of Licensing for the Funeral and Cemetery program due to increased public complaints and disciplinary cases. (Legal Services Revolving Account-State)

Technical Correction - Child Rescue

Expenditure authority is shifted from the Washington Internet Crimes Against Children Account to the Child Rescue Account to align expenditure authority with Chapter 279, Laws of 2015 (2SHB 1281). (Washington Internet Crimes Against Children Account-State, Child Rescue Account-State)

Technical Correction - Compensation

Changes to state employee pay and benefits that were approved in the 2015-17 budget were not uploaded into certain budgeted programs and accounts. This item makes that correction. (General Fund-State, various accounts)

Workers' Compensation Changes

The agency's budget is adjusted to reflect increased workers' compensation rates. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

Audit Services

The agency's budget is adjusted to update anticipated charges for state audit services and to shift funding between fiscal years to reflect the State Auditor's audit schedule. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

Administrative Hearings

The agency's budget is adjusted to reflect updated estimates of expected usage of the Office of Administrative Hearings services. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

CTS Central Services

The agency's budget is adjusted to update its share of the state network, security gateways, enterprise security infrastructure, and secure file transfer charges from the Consolidated Technology Services Agency. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

DES Central Services

The agency's budget is adjusted to update its allocated share of the following charges from the Department of Enterprise Services: small agency financial services, capital project surcharge, campus utilities, campus employee parking, financing cost recovery, public and historic facilities, and risk management administration. Additionally, small agency human resources clients are provided expenditure authority to pay for human resources services. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

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Time, Leave and Attendance System

The agency's budget is increased to pay the remaining debt service for the Time, Leave and Attendance system.
(General Fund-State, various other accounts)

Self-Insurance Liability Premium

Based on a new actuarial report, updated risk factors were applied to agency self-insurance premiums, causing some to rise and some to fall. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)